

Heritage Statement.**Description**

The Clitheroe War Memorial is located within the Castle grounds which are grade Grade II Historic Park and Gardens (Please see: <https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1001361> for more details) and the memorial is a Grade II listed structure. The surrounding gardens are within Clitheroe Conservation Area. Within the memorial gardens there are also a number of commemorative plaques present (Please see: <https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1455468> for more details).

The memorial is located within the picturesque setting of the grounds of Clitheroe Castle which is scheduled under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979 as amended as it appears to the Secretary of State to be of national importance and within a Conservation Area. (Please see: <https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1016196> for more details). The castle is a Grade I listed building (Please see: <https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1071553> for more details)

The War Memorial gardens of remembrance consist of flower beds, manicured grass, shrubs and Ivy to the west. A mature cut leaf Beech to the south, semi mature Dawn Redwood (*Metasequoia glyptostroboides*) T1, Cherry and Black Pine to the North. Conjectures due to the species, position and quality of specimen are that it was planted for remembrance. There is a footpath that circulates and bifurcates the garden although the footpath around T1 has been temporarily blocked off due to the tree roots lifting the tarmac and creating a tripping hazard. The memorial garden is surrounded by the castle, café, museum, castle fields, a park, a bandstand and a bowling green along with other historical and aesthetical features.

The museum buildings also include The Education Suite, The Stewards Gallery, Office and Museum Stores. These are linked to the main museum building by the Atrium Cafe and a walkway.

The War Memorial is visited by the public, school children and tourist all year round but receives large attendances on Armistice day and the nearest Sunday.

Scope of works and effect of works

The works are to include the lifting of the broken tarmac on the upper path and then removing a further 4 metres of tarmac to enable T1 root plate to develop without further obstruction and minimise further footpath displacement.

The installation of two sets of galvanised and powder coated railings to match existing railings protecting the steep drop of the retaining wall to the east of the memorial.

Railings will be attached to the walls in two places at each end within the mortar to avoid damage to the protected walls. There will be a corner post, 1 brace and 4 legs as can be seen in Drawing - Railings 2.

The installation of the proposed railings will seal off the footpath affected by T1 roots which will minimise the probability of slip, trips and falls, enable retention of the Dawn Redwood which has amenity and commemorative value and allow a greater volume of the public to safely attend ceremonies.

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